



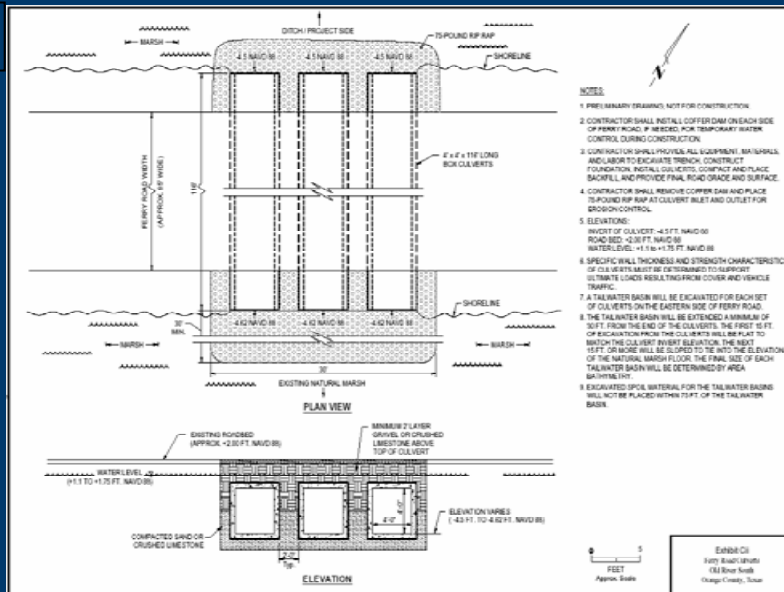
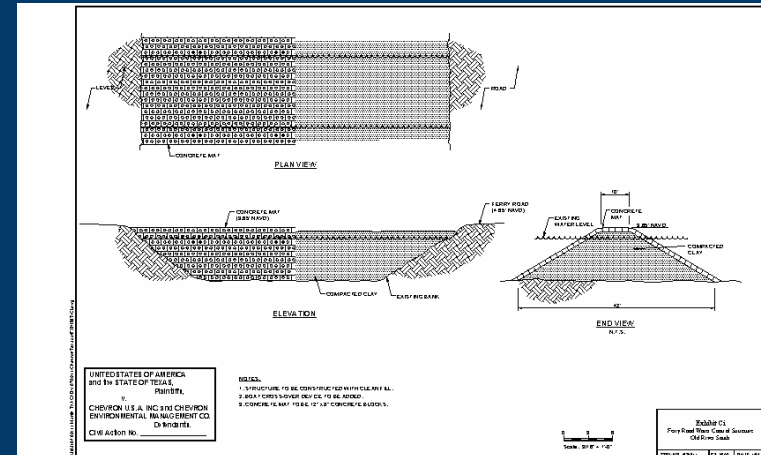
Integrating Remediation and Restoration

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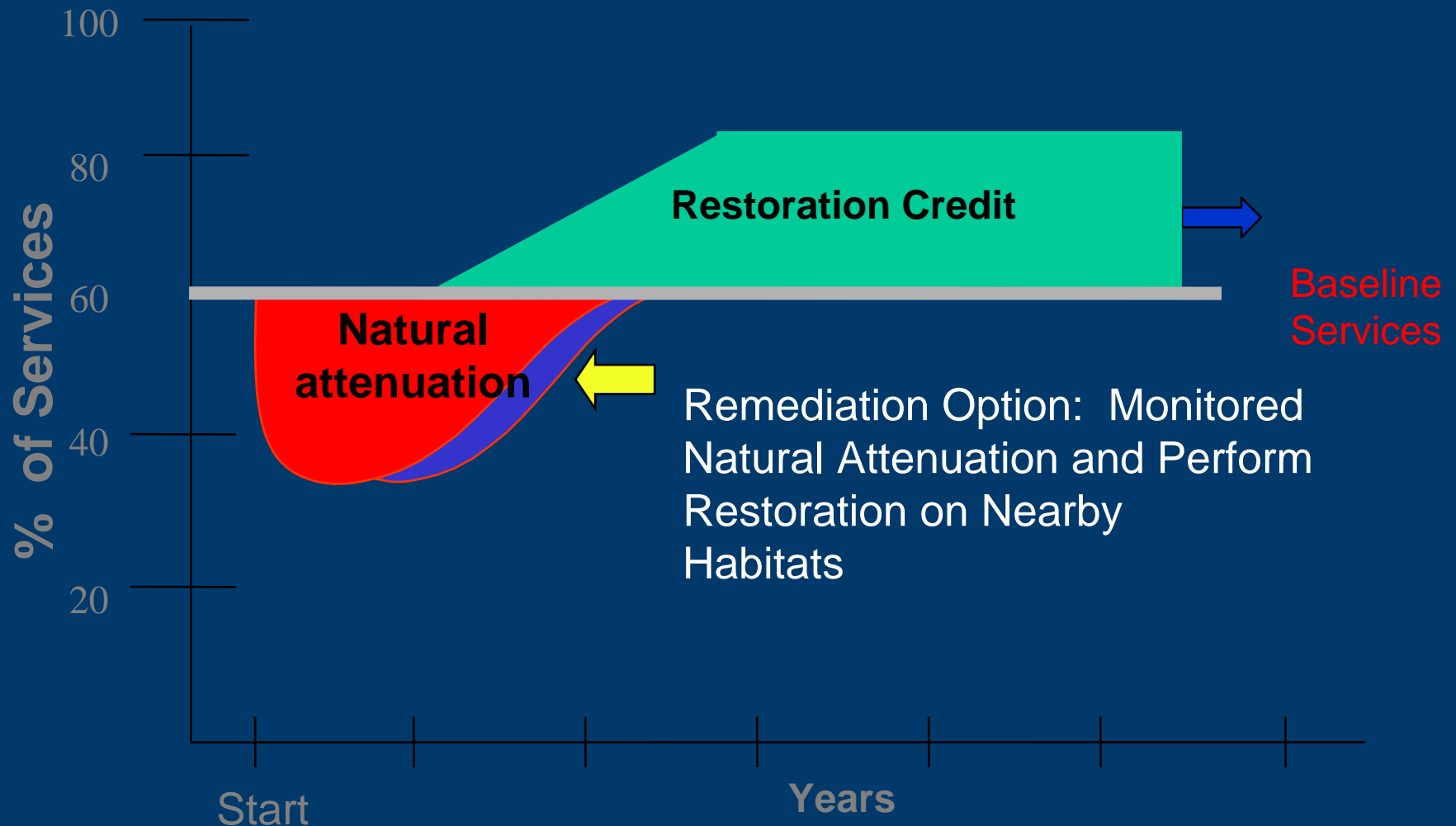
- Ecological liabilities documented through risk assessment, natural resource damage assessment, and/or wetland loss can be combined and addressed in a cost effective restoration action



- Natural attenuation may reduce risk to acceptable levels
- Non-impacted natural resource areas, if preserved in perpetuity, can be used to offset ecological risk liabilities



Restoration-Based Compensation Example Using Habitat Equivalency Analysis (HEA)



- Net Environmental Benefits Analysis (NEBA) demonstrates that a remedy can leave contamination in place and offset ecological liabilities via habitat acquisition, enhancement, and/or construction



Ecological Services Analysis (ESA) Option is NEBA Equivalent

- NEBA evaluates ecological services lost due to potential active remedial actions



- Comparison to a scenario of foregoing active remediation in favor of natural attenuation
- Use Habitat Equivalency Analysis to quantify ecological service debits and credits
- Appropriate ecological compensation must offset risk left in place
- Can provide scientific basis for demonstrating that costly remedial/corrective actions may provide a “*cure that is worse than the disease*”

Advantages of ESA/NEBA Option



- Produces a net environmental gain of ecological services (through restoration, conservation, and /or enhancement of unaffected habitat)
- Credible method to quantify, compare and demonstrate that one remedy is better for an ecosystem than another using site-specific metrics
- Can demonstrate when there is less ecological impact via natural attenuation than benefits associated with full-scale remediation

